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For: FILTER ASSEMBLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4 (Amended), lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5 (Amended), lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6 (Amended), lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7 (Amended), lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 8 (Amended), line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 9 (Amended), line 1, delete "or claim 3".

Claim 13 (Amended), line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 14 (Amended), line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 15 (Amended), line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.